APPENDIX A

Proposed Amendment for Discussion

US Patent Application Serial No. 10/544,260

- 45. (Currently Amended) A method for repairing a subject's hip joint by heniarthroplasty, said method comprising the steps of:
- (A) determining at least one body characteristic comprising at least the body weight of the subject;
- (B) using the at least one body characteristic comprising at least the body weight determined in Step A to determine—the contact area of the subject's hip joint required to provide a hydrostatic pressure within the hip joint in the range of 0.01MPa to 5MPa_s(C) using the at least one body characteristic comprising at least the body weight determined in Step A to select a prosthetic femoral head and complementary reamer [[,1]] the selected reamer being useable to ream an acetabular socket having an inner surface and the selected femoral head having a radius of curvature that corresponds to the shape of the acetabular socket reamed by the selected reamer—at least one body characteristic comprising at least the body weight determined in Step A such that, when the subsequent surgical implantation of the selected prosthetic femoral head is—surgically implanted within an a-reamed acetabular socket reamed by the selected the reamer [[,]] will result in a space between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the reamed acetabular socket within which fluid having a a-space will—exists between the prosthetic femoral head and an inner surface of the reamed acetabular socket and fluid having a hydrostatic pressure in the range of 0.01MPa-5MPa will accumulate in said-space; and
- ($\mathbb{C}[[D]]$) reaming the hip joint's acetabulum using the <u>selected</u> reamer until cancellous bone is exposed to create a reamed acetabular socket \underline{t} ; and
- (D[[E]]) surgically implanting the <u>selected</u> prosthetic femoral head <u>selected in Step C</u> such that <u>resides within the reamed acetabular socket</u>, thereby resulting in a space between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the reamed acetabular <u>socket within which fluid having a hydrostatic pressure in the range of 0.01MPa-5MPa</u>

<u>naturally</u> accumulates in said space, thereby stimulating the formation of new cartilage between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the acetabular socket.	
46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45, wherein the hydrostatic pressure is in the range 0.5-2MPa.	
47. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 46, wherein the hydrostatic pressure is 2MPa.	
48. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45 further comprising: positioning a membrane between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner	

(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 48 wherein the membrane is

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(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45 further comprising the

surface of the acetabular socket for at least a period of time.

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formed in situ.

positioning a spacer element between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the acetabular socket for at least a period of time.

- 52. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 51 wherein the spacer element is resorbable.
- 53. (Previously Presented) A method system according to claim 45, wherein the prosthetic femoral head selected in Step C has a surface that deforms so as to sustain the hydrostatic pressure.
- 54. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45 wherein said at least one body characteristic determined in Step A comprises, in addition to body weight, at least one additional characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

dimensions of the subject's natural femur; and

dimensions of the subject's pelvis.

APPENDIX B

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Examiner Stroud:

Thank you for taking time for the telephonic interviews regarding US Patent Application Serial No. 10/544,260.

Attached is a Word document incorporating the amendments to independent claim 45 as tentatively agreed upon today.

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- 45. (Currently Amended) A method for repairing a subject's hip joint by heniarthroplasty such that fluid which naturally accumulates in a space between a prosthetic femoral head and an inner surface of a reamed acetabular socket has a hydrostatic pressure within the range of 0.01MPa-5MPa, said method comprising the steps of:
- (A) determining at least one body characteristic comprising at least the body weight of the subject;
- (B) using the at least one body characteristic comprising at least the body weight determined in Step A to determine the contact area of the subject's hip joint required to provide a hydrostatic pressure within the hip joint in the range of 0.01MPa to 5MPa_t(C) using the at least one body characteristic comprising at least the body weight determined in Step A to select a prosthetic femoral head and complementary reamer, the selected reamer being useable to ream an acetabular socket having an inner surface and the selected femoral head having a radius of curvature that corresponds to the shape of the acetabular socket reamed by the selected reamer —at least one—body—characteristic comprising at least the body weight determined in Step A such that, when the subsequent surgical implantation of the selected prosthetic femoral head is—surgically implanted within an a-reamed acetabular socket reamed by the selected the reamer [[,]] will result in a space between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the reamed acetabular socket within which fluid having a space will—exists between the prosthetic femoral head and an inner surface of the reamed acetabular socket and fluid having a hydrostatic pressure in the range of 0.01MPa-5MPa will accumulate in said-space; and

 $(\underline{\mathbb{C}}[[D]])$ reaming the hip joint's acetabulum using the selected reamer until cancellous bone is exposed to create a reamed acetabular socket \underline{t}_1 and

(D[[E]]) surgically implanting the <u>selected</u> prosthetic femoral head <u>selected</u> in <u>Step C</u> such that <u>it resides within the reamed acetabular socket</u>, thereby resulting in a <u>space between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the reamed acetabular socket within which fluid having a hydrostatic pressure in the range of 0.01MPa-5MPa <u>naturally</u> accumulates in <u>said space</u>, thereby stimulating the formation of new cartilage between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the acetabular socket.</u>

- (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45, wherein the hydrostatic pressure is in the range 0.5-2MPa.
- (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 46, wherein the hydrostatic pressure is 2MPa.
- 48. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45 further comprising:

positioning a membrane between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the acetabular socket for at least a period of time.

- (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 48 wherein the membrane is resorbable.
- (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 48 wherein the membrane is formed in situ.

51. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45 further comprising the step of:

positioning a spacer element between the prosthetic femoral head and the inner surface of the acetabular socket for at least a period of time.

- 52. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 51 wherein the spacer element is resorbable.
- 53. (Previously Presented) A method system according to claim 45, wherein the prosthetic femoral head selected in Step C has a surface that deforms so as to sustain the hydrostatic pressure.
- 54. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 45 wherein said at least one body characteristic determined in Step A comprises, in addition to body weight, at least one additional characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

dimensions of the subject's natural femur; and

dimensions of the subject's pelvis.